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1. DURING COURSE OF COMBINED MEETING BERLIN SPD EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE AND SPD CAUCUS IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MORNING OF APRIL 29, GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ STATED
THAT HE WAS WILLING TO STEP ASIDE SO THAT A SUCCESSOR

COULD BE CHOSEN TO FORM A NEW COALITION SENAT WITH FDP. HE SAID HE WOULD REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL A CANDIDATE HAD BEEN CONFIRMED BY SPECIAL MEETING OF PARTY CONVENTION (SPD PARTEITAG).

2. GROUP MET MOST OF AFTERNOON OF APRIL 29 TO CHOOSE SUCCESSOR. THERE WERE THREE CANDIDATES: STATE MINISTER WISCHNEWSKI (FEDERAL SPD BUSINESS MANAGER, BAHR SPOKE FOR WISCHNEWSKI, WHO DID NOT COME TO BERLIN); SENATOR FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS STOBBE; AND SENATOR FOR BUILDING AND HOUSING RISTOCK. BY EARLY AFTERNOON, IT APPEARED THAT RISTOCK DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT AND HE WITHDREW HIS CANDIDACY. AFTER FUTURE DELIBERATIONS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/CAUCUS DECIDED TO NOMINATE STOBBE AS GOVERNING MAYOR. THIS DECISION WAS MADE PUBLIC AT PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH BEGAN 1545 (CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME).

3. STOBBE MUST BE CONFIRMED BY SPECIAL MEETING OF BERLIN SPD PARTEITAG (PARTY CONVENTION), WHICH EXPECTED TO CONVENE SUNDAY, MAY 1. REASON FOR HASTE IS THAT CDU IS EXPECTED TO BRING MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE AGAINST SENAT AT SPECIAL MEETING OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30, WHICH WAS CALLED AT REQUEST OF CDU TO DEBATE MOTION CALLING FOR DISOLVING HOUSE AND CALLING NEW ELECTIONS. CDU IS AWARE THAT BOTH SPD AND FDP PLAN TO VOTE AGAINST THIS MOTION AND THEREFORE PLANS TO BRING NO CONFIDENCE MOTION TO TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PRESENT POLITICAL TURMOIL.

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SPD WANTS TO HAVE POLITICAL DUCKS IN ORDER BEFORE NO CONFIDENCE MOTION REACHES HOUSE OF REPS, ON MONDAY, MAY 2. AT THAT TIME, SCHUETZ WILL RESIGN AND STOBBE WILL BE ELECTED GOVERNING MAYOR (ASSUMING PARTEITAG ENDORSEMENT).

4. APART FROM OBTAINING AGREEMENT OF FDP PARTNER TO STOBBE'S IS WELL-REGARDED BY MAYOR LUEDER, BERLIN FDP CHIEF, THERE IS ALSO PROBLEM OF SELECTING NEW FEDERAL AFFAIRS SENATOR AS WELL AS INTERIOR SENATOR. IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE BROADER SHUFFLE BEYOND THESE TWO SENAT PORTFOLIOS. STOBBE WILL HAVE THREE WEEKS TO PRESENT HIS NEW SENAT TO HOUSE OF REPS. SCHUETZ IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN BERLIN CHAIRMAN OF SPD, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING.

5. USCOB CONCURS.GEORGE

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